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SUBJECT: NINTH SESSION, UNIDO PERMANENT COMMITTEE
(PC-IX); AGENDA ITEM 3, COORDINATION WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM;
DELEGATION REPORT

1. SUMMARY: MOST SPEAKERS WERE CRITICAL OF SECRETARIAT'S
APPARENT LACK OF EFFECTIVENESS IN COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES
WITH OTHER UN BODIES, ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING DIFFICULTIES
INVOLVED. WHILE MOST SPEAKERS ADDRESSED SUBJECT IN
GENERAL TERMS, SOME, SUCH AS INDIA, STRESSED IMPORTANCE
OF PARTICULAR PROGRAMS (E.G., TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY)
AND NEED FOR PRIORITY EFFORTS IN COORDINATION THOSE
ACTIVITIES. US STRESSED ITS VIEW THAT COORDINATION
MOST FRUITFUL AT COUNTRY LEVEL, WHERE INDUSTRIALIZATION
PLANS AND PROJECTS ORIGINATE. DISCUSSION THIS ITEM,
ALTHOUGH LIMITED TO ONE PLENARY SESSION, SERVED ONCE AGAIN
TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE MEMBER COUNTRIES ATTACH TO INTER-
AGENCY COORDINATION AND SHOULD STIMULATE SECRETARIAT TO
FURTHER EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. VIRTUALLY ALL SPEAKERS WERE CRITICAL OF DOCUMENTATION
SUBMITTED FOR THIS ITEM (ID/B/C.3/59 AND ADD. 1) AS BEING
SIMPLY A NARRATIVE ACCOUNT OF SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES IN
THE AREA OF INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION, WITHOUT GIVING A
BASIS FOR JUDGMENT OR COMMENT ON THE SECRETARIAT'S
PRIORITIES, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS.

THE SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE A MORE USEFUL REPORT TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD. FRG (HOFFMAN), AMONG OTHERS, DESCRIBED COORDINATION AS MULTI-LEVEL EFFORT RANGING FROM DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIALIZATION STRATEGIES TO EXECUTION OF PROJECTS IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. OTHER SPEAKERS AGREED WITH AUSTRIA (BIRNLEITNER) THAT UNIDO SHOULD AVOID OVEREMPHASIS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER AGENCIES AT EXPENSE OF NEW EXECUTIVE-LEVEL UNIDO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR UNIDO TO SEEK PARTICULARLY CLOSE COORDINATION WITH AGENCIES WHOSE WORK IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THAT OF UNIDO, SUCH AS WIPO, UNCTAD AND UNDP; INDIA (MEHRA) BELIEVED THAT UNIDO SHOULD SEEK A LEADING COORDINATING ROLE IN SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. MEHRA URGED A JOINT MEETING OF THE UNIDO IDB AND THE UNCTAD TDB TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION, PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, IN PREPARATION FOR UNIDO THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 1980.

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3. US (LEARY), DRAWING ON UNEC D-561, STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATION IN HUSBANDING SCARCE DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND ASKED SECRETARIAT TO GIVE CLEAR INDICATION OF UNIDO'S PRIORITY COORDINATION OBJECTIVES, ITS STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING THEM, ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS AND ISSUES INVOLVED, AND PROPOSALS FOR OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES. WHILE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS MUST PLAY BASIC ROLE IN COORDINATING THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT, ASSISTANCE INSTITU-

TIONS MUST HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ISSUES, HARMONIZE POLICY AND OTHERWISE PREVENT WASTE OF SCARCE RESOURCES; MOST URGENT COORDINATION TASK OF UNIDO, IN US VIEW, WAS COUNTRY-LEVEL PROGRAM OF ANALYSIS AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO HELP RECIPIENTS FORMULATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES CALCULATED TO MEET BASIS NEEDS. UK (WINDSOR) STRESSED THE COORDINATING ROLE OF UNDP AS CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT AGENT FOR UN SYSTEM AND NEED FOR CLOSE UNDP/UNIDO COLLABORATION AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED VENEZUELAN THESIS THAT UNIDO COORDINATION SHOULD LEAD TO POOLING OF RESOURCES OF VARIOUS UN AGENCIES TO CARRY OUT JOINT PROJECTS.

4. EX DIR KHANE, IN REPLY, AGREED THAT UNIDO SHOULD
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TAKE A MORE AGGRESSIVE APPROACH TO COORDINATING ROLE BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, AS POINTED OUT BY US, SUCCESS WOULD REQUIRE THAT UNIDO CONVINCE SISTER ORGANIZATIONS OF ITS ABILITY TO DO HIGH-QUALITY WORK. THE AGENDA ITEM WAS CONCLUDED BY A SUMMING-UP WHICH, INTER ALIA, CALLED FOR SECRETARIAT TO SEEK MORE EFFICIENT USE OF UN DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES THROUGH JOINT PROGRAMMING WITH OTHER AGENCIES.

5. COMMENT CRITICISM BY DELEGATIONS OF FAULTY SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTATION-- ESPECIALLY LACK OF ANALYTICAL ELEMENT -- WAS WIDESPREAD AND BADLY STATED; DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN AS EVIDENCE OF LACK OF UNIDO'S EFFECTIVENESS IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES SINCE CRITICAL SPEAKERS INCLUDED HEAVYWEIGHTS FROM BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH, DISCUSSION OF ITEM SERVED USEFULLY TO REMIND SECRETARIAT OF IMPORTANCE MEMBERS ATTACH TO COORDINATION. CHIEF OF SECTION RESPONSIBLE FOR INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION PRIVATELY TOLD US DEL THAT CRITICISMS EXPRESSED BY DELEGATIONS WILL ASSIST HIM TO GET EXECUTIVE-LEVEL ATTENTION FOR HIS PROBLEMS IN FUTURE. GARLAND

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